



## Colville National Forest

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### *Spring Prescribed Burning Staring Soon*

**Colville, WA** – Colville National Forest Fire Managers are keeping a close eye on the weather and moisture conditions on the Colville National Forest. If moisture levels and expected smoke dispersion patterns are within Washington State smoke management standards, crews could begin the spring prescribed burning season as early as the first week of April and continue into June.

Residents of the Colville Valley and those traveling near the Columbia River may see smoke west of Lake Roosevelt near Bangs Mountain and near the Deadman Creek drainage on the southeast side of C.C. Mountain. Motorists on Highway 395 and residents of Chewelah can expect to see smoke in the Quartzite watershed southeast of Chewelah. Crews also plan on conducting burning operations 10 miles east of Kettle Falls and smoke will be visible from Highway 20 west (Sherman Pass Scenic Byway) Kettle Falls, Colville and surrounding areas.

Residents in the Pend Oreille Valley and those traveling up Highway 20 can expect to see smoke on the west side of the valley from Cusick, north to Lone. Crews will also be conducting burns in the Browns lake area south of Highway 20 (Tiger highway), as well as near the Ruby Creek drainage 12 miles north of Cusick, WA. Burning will occur east of the Pend Oreille River in the Geophysical area near Indian Creek, 2.5 miles northeast of Furport, Washington; and also on No Name Peak located just to the northwest of No Name Lake.

Residents in Republic can expect to see smoke East of Curlew Lake, from Herron Creek Road and Tonasket Creek as well as Northwest of Curlew near Vulcan Mountain. North of Republic, smoke may be visible from North Fork Trout Creek area. Smoke will also be visible North of County Highway 602 (Boulder Creek Road).

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Since air quality is a major consideration during prescribed fire operations, crews may suspend burning operation if conditions warrant or if smoke begins to impact local communities. In order to ensure you have the latest information on prescribed fires on the Colville National Forest please contact your local Ranger District.

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